

Statement under 37 CFR 1.111

37 CFR 1.111 requires that the basis for amendments to the claims be pointed out after consideration of the references cited or the objections made. 37 CFR 1.111 states in part that:

In amending in response to a rejection of claims in an application or patent undergoing reexamination, the applicant or patent owner must clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made. He or she must also show how the amendments avoid such references or objections.

Claims 35 and 48 were amended because essential material related to the claims is contained in one or more cross-referenced applications that were not published.

Conclusion

The pending claims are of a form and scope for allowance. Prompt recognition of this fact is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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